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Rev. Amos A. Phelps.

Worcester.

(Mass.)

Convention that, should the next meeting
manifest as great a want of mutual for-
bearance, patience, &c. as was exhibited
by some Members ~~of~~ at the session just
closed, they should feel obliged to
remove their names from the Convention.

But, provided you ~~are~~ determine
not to publish the names until after
the next sitting of the Convention,
& will inform me accordingly, I
will forthwith transmit to you,
& with pleasure, the List, as you request.

Hastily, but very truly

Yours,
J. Am. May Jr.

P.S. Should you make any publication of
the doings of Convention, will you please send
me a copy; & I will more than make up
any expense incurred by a contribution
to the Mass. An.-Sl. Society funds.

name to all who chose to read it. - For
one. & I can say that I have no objection,
to the publication of my own name as a
Member.

But here is the point; - the
only ~~copy~~^{list} I have of the name is the one
which is embodied in the Records of the
Convention - the Convention decided there
should be no official publication of its
Records - consequently, I am liable to
a charge of unfaithfulness, should I give
to any one, for publication, a copy of the
List.

It is far enough from my wish,
& usual practice, to be punctilious. But
I am not now acting for myself alone. I
must consider ^{how} ~~what~~ other Members of the
Convention might view your request and my
compliance with it.

~~I have to say~~ ^{That which} the more decides me
to reply to your request in the negative, is,
that I was told by some Members of the

Leicester, Decr. 8. 1837.

Saml. May.



Res. Mr. Phelps,

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Dear Sir,

I yesterday received your note requesting a List of the Names of the Members of ^{the} Convention on Slavery held at Worcester this week.

In the P.M. I made out a list for you; but in the course of doing so, the question occurred to me, Have I a right, as one of the Sec.^s of the Convention, after the determination on their part to make no official publication of their records, to give ^{even} a list of names for publication?

Now I do not suppose, nor can you, that any individual then & there present ~~could~~ object to having it known that he attended that Convention. The very fact of his attendance was a publication of his